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Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world"
Second session
3 to 14 April 2000
Item 1 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Proposed organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee proposes that the second session of the Preparatory Committee be devoted to informal consultations on the draft outcome document (A/AC.253/L.5/Rev.2) and the draft political declaration.

2. There would be no formal debate. The session would begin with a brief formal meeting on the first day to adopt the agenda, approve the organization of work and hear the introduction of documents. Informal consultations would begin immediately.

3. The session would conclude with a brief formal meeting to take action on the draft decisions relating to the provisional agenda and organizational arrangements of the special session, to adopt its report and either conclude the work or suspend the session.

4. There could be three Working Groups, on the understanding that no more than two would meet in parallel session at any single time. Interpretation for four meetings a day will be provided.

5. The Working Groups may be assigned as follows:

(a) Working Group I would hold negotiations on new initiatives based on five of the 10 commitments, identified by a proposal from the Bureau;

(b) Working Group II would hold negotiations on new initiatives based on the other five commitments;

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(c) Working Group III would hold negotiations on the draft political declaration (Chairman's text to be issued).

6. The Working Groups would be chaired by members of the Bureau. In addition, two facilitators would be named to assist with particularly difficult issues identified in the Working Groups.

7. Working Group III would begin on Monday, 3 April, holding two meetings a day during the first week until agreement is reached on a text.

8. During the first week, Working Groups I and II would meet in parallel with Working Group III, each holding one meeting a day in alternative sittings: one Working Group would meet in the morning, the other in the afternoon. Once Working Group III has completed its work, Working Groups I and II would meet in parallel with each other.

Annex

Date time	*Agenda item*
Monday, 3 April	
a.m.	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Introductory statements
	Informal consultations (2 Working Groups)
p.m.	Informal consultations (2 Working Groups)
Tuesday, 4 April through Thursday, 13 April	
a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations (2 Working Groups)
Friday, 14 April	
a.m.	Informal consultations
p.m.	Action on draft proposals
	Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee
	Closure (or suspension) of the session